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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A functionalized catalyst support comprising a particulated, solid support material having chemically bonded thereto a conjugated or non-conjugated diene or alkyne containing ligand group.
2. (Original) A functionalized catalyst support according to claim 1 having a chemical structure of the following formula:
$$\text{So}(\text{D}_d)$$

wherein:
So is a particulated, solid support material;
D is a conjugated or non-conjugated diene or alkyne containing ligand attached to the particulated solid support containing up to 20 atoms other than hydrogen; and
d is a positive number that is equal to the number of D groups attached to the substrate, So.
3. (Original) A functionalized catalyst support according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the support is silica, and d is chosen to provide a concentration of D groups on the substrate from 1×10^{-5} $\mu\text{mole/gram}$ to 1 mmole/ gram, more preferably from 0.1 $\mu\text{mole/gram}$ to 500 $\mu\text{mole/g}$.
4. (Original) A functionalized catalyst support according to claim 3, wherein So possesses non-ionic, Lewis acid functionality a', of the formula $-\text{Me}_m\text{K}_k$, on the surface thereof, wherein:

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Me, is a Group 2, 12 or 13 metal, especially Al, bonded to the substrate, So,
K is an extractable or exchangeable, anionic ligand group, especially a
hydrocarbyl or halohydrocarbyl group of up to 20 atoms, not counting
hydrogen, and
m and k are selected to provide charge balance.

5. (Original) A supported catalyst composition comprising the reaction product of:
 - (a) the functionalized catalyst support of claim 1, and
 - (b) a Group 3-10 or Lanthanide metal complex containing a substituent which reacts with the functionalized catalyst support to thereby form a supported catalyst composition that is capable of activation to form an active polymerization catalyst for the polymerization of addition polymerizable monomers.
6. (Original) A supported catalyst composition according to claim 5, wherein the Group 3-10 metal complex contains at least one π -bonded anionic ligand group which is a conjugated or non-conjugated, cyclic or non-cyclic dienyl group, an allyl group, aryl group, or a substituted derivative thereof.
7. (Original) A supported catalyst composition according to claim 6, wherein the π -bonded anionic ligand group is a cyclopentadienyl group or a derivative thereof.
8. (Original) A supported catalyst composition according to any one of claims 5-7 additionally comprising an activator capable of activating the Group 3-10 of Lanthanide metal complex so as to be catalytically active for the polymerization of addition polymerizable monomers.
9. (Withdrawn) A polymerization process comprising contacting one or more addition polymerizable monomers under gas phase or slurry polymerization conditions with a catalyst composition according to Claim 8.

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10. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, wherein ethylene is polymerized, optionally with one or more comonomers to form an ethylene homopolymer or copolymer.